**Washington, DC -** With bipartisan support the United States House of Representatives passed HR 1495, the Water Resources Development Act, by a vote of 394-25.  Included in this bill is a credit provision that allows the San Antonio Channel Improvement Project to move forward with its construction.  With its passage, the bill removes uncertainties surrounding available resources and ensures that construction continues without interruption in southern San Antonio.

Congressmen Charles Gonzalez (TX-20) and Ciro Rodriguez (TX-23) issued the following statements applauding the passage of the bill:

 "The passage of this legislation, which includes the credit provision for the San Antonio Channel Improvement Project, provides yet another example of our strong commitment to San Antonio. This bill finally frees up vital resources for our community to move forward with the river project, and the resulting impact, both economic and environmental, will be of great benefit to our entire city," said Rep. Gonzalez.  "I am proud to have been a part of a bipartisan effort that gives this project the resources and support it needs to move forward," he added.

 "House passage of the Water Resources and Development Act gives San Antonio a much needed financial tool for the San Antonio River improvement project.  I am proud that working together, Congressman Gonzalez and I were successful in including language in this bill that will allow San Antonio to more efficiently use local funds for this project while we continue to work to secure additional federal resources to support river improvements," said Rep. Rodriguez.  "I am proud to be working with our local government and business community on the river improvement project because it is critically important to our local infrastructure and economy.  Of course, this bill is just one step -- we have a long way to go and I will continue to work to secure additional federal funding for this and other infrastructure improvement projects throughout my district," added Rep. Rodriguez.

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